



Dear Neighbor,

Jobs. Keeping jobs and creating more and better jobs. That is a critical issue facing our state today. Currently, Connecticut has the lowest ranking in the country for the rate of job increase.

That is why I am part of the legislative leadership focusing our energies in this short session on Connecticut Jobs for the 21st Century. Over the past few months we have been hosting forums and meeting with all facets of the business, agricultural, technology and other sectors of our economy to craft an economic development plan for Connecticut's future.

That plan has four main components which we believe will lead to better economic health for all of Connecticut's residents. Included in this mailer is a brief overview of our plan. If you would like more detailed information, it is available on my Web site. If I can be of any assistance to you, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward Meyer".

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Connecticut Jobs for the 21st Century



Broadening Prosperity for Connecticut Citizens

With innovation and imagination, state government must take bold steps to help residents achieve and succeed in the 21st Century. Our plan involves comprehensive initiatives, including offering incentives to companies that provide wellness programs, expanding access to wireless Internet service, providing an earned income tax credit to low-income working families, encouraging investment in small and micro-businesses as well as promoting agricultural research and innovation.



Making Connecticut Competitive in Retaining and Creating Jobs

State government will be both a partner and a catalyst for employment opportunities and improving the overall business climate. A centerpiece of our plan is to phase-out property taxes on manufacturing equipment to help businesses become more competitive and efficient. I also favor ending

the corporate tax surcharge. Additionally, we propose a state Director of Economic Development. We will also adopt initiatives to encourage a greater collaboration between business and state universities to keep our best-trained residents in state.



Unlocking the Gridlock:

A Transportation Policy for All of Connecticut

Now is the time to fully and forcefully attack the transportation problems that threaten the economic future of Connecticut.

Our plan, which has been late in coming, places emphasis on mass transit proposals, including commuter lines from New Haven to Hartford and Springfield, improved connections to

Bradley International Airport, and the establishment of transportation hubs that integrate rail and bus options. Additionally, we will increase incentives to move freight by rail and better utilize deep-water ports.



Working Toward Energy Independence

Our plan includes initiatives that create innovative loan programs to help businesses and local governments finance energy-efficient and renewable-energy systems. We will also work to provide a "Green Building" tax credit to businesses for energy-efficient facilities. We will promote cleaner transportation solutions by encouraging fuel cell buses and

alternative-fuel vehicles. In that respect, I have introduced a package of bills regarding biodiesel fuel.